

CHANGE IN SENATORIAL DEADLOCK

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TROUBLE IN THE HOUSE

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LIVELY SESSION IN THE HOUSE

MEMBERS OBJECT TO SPEAKER FARR'S RULING.

An Abrupt Adjournment Causes a Sensation—Upon the Departure of the Speaker from the House the Dissatisfied Members Elect a Speaker of Their Own—No Business Is Transacted.

Harrisburg, March 3.—An unprecedented spectacle was witnessed today in the house of representatives when the speaker abruptly declared the house adjourned, over the protests of a large number of the members, who thereupon elected a speaker of their own. This situation was brought about by what is said to be the first of a general plan by the Quay men to delay proceedings and prevent General Koons, of Somerset, from introducing a resolution for the naming of additional members on the McCarell bill bribery investigation committee. The usual motion to dispense with the reading of the journal immediately after the opening of the session was opposed by Mr. Slater. After the clerk had read the journal for ten minutes Mr. Marshall, of Allegheny, called for the orders of the day, fixing 11 o'clock as the hour of adjournment on Friday. Mr. Bliss, of Delaware, raised the point of order that the rule fixing the hour of Friday sessions had been abrogated at the beginning of the session when the house adopted a resolution fixing new hours for the session. The resolution adopted at the beginning of the session fixing 10:30 for the hour of meeting on Friday and 11 o'clock for adjournment was read by Speaker Farr. Mr. Farr stated that this resolution was in force and adjourned the house. He immediately left the chair and was followed by many of the members and the clerks amid great confusion and excitement. Mr. McElhenny, of Allegheny, added to the excitement by moving that Mr. Bliss, of Delaware, be elected speaker. The motion was adopted by a viva voce vote, and Mr. Bliss took the chair and called the house to order. Mr. Fow called the attention of Mr. Bliss to the absence of the clerks and officers. The acting speaker asked Mr. Fow to read the roll call and appointed Messrs. Moore, of Butler, and Ford, of Allegheny, clerks. The roll was called and the presence of two less than a quorum of members. Mr. Myers, of Cumberland, said: "Mr. Speaker, Mr. Spatz is present and would like to hear his name called."

Mr. Spatz's name was called twice by Mr. Fow, but he declined to answer. Several other members sat through the calling of the roll but declined to respond to the reading of their names. Mr. Bliss made a statement after the roll call that in his judgment the house was adjourned. The speaker, having left the chair, and taken with him the officers, the house could do no business. Mr. Koons asked whether it was the power of the speaker to walk out and arbitrarily suspend the business of the house. Mr. Bliss replied he did not believe the speaker had the right to arbitrarily adjourn the house. Mr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, said the speaker adjourned the house because he feared the house would right a wrong it had done in allowing him to appoint a committee to investigate charges of bribery. Mr. Clarenco, of Philadelphia, moved that a committee of five be appointed to call a meeting to express the sentiments of the house on the rulings of Speaker Farr, to report to the house next Tuesday. Before action was taken on the motion a discussion arose as to whether Mr. Farr had adjourned the house until Saturday morning or Monday evening. The official stenographer of the house was called on to read his notes, which showed that the house had adjourned at 11:15 a. m. on Friday morning. Mr. Fow, of Philadelphia, said the house could not adjourn until tomorrow, as it is required under the law of 1867 to meet at 12 o'clock to go into joint session with the senate to ballot for a United States senator. Mr. Clarenco's motion was unanimously adopted and the house took a recess until 11:55 to arrange for the meeting of the joint assembly. Mr. Bliss appointed the following committee to take action on the ruling of Speaker Farr: Messrs. Clarenco, of Philadelphia; Woodruff, of Philadelphia; Young, of Pennsylvania; and Messrs. Dixon, of Elk, and Palm, of Crawford, (Democrats). Speaker Farr reappeared in the hall of the house at noon to receive the senate and ballot for senator. Lieutenant Governor Gobin took the chair and called the joint assembly to order. The usual preliminaries were gone through with and the ballot was taken.

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CHAIRMAN KREPS MAKES STATEMENT

HE ANSWERS CRITICISM AS TO METHODS OF PROCEDURE.

Declares That the Committee Will Hear All Evidence Without Fear or Favor and Give the Fullest Latitude to the Accusers and Accused. Mr. Koons Is Charged with Having Blocked the Wheels of Investigation.

Harrisburg, March 3.—Representative W. C. Krops, of Franklin, chairman of the house committee to investigate charges of alleged bribery or attempted bribery of members in connection with the passage of the McCarell bill, made the following statement this evening: "The committee of which I have the honor to be the chairman was appointed by the speaker on Monday, February 27. Within forty-eight hours thereafter the committee met and organized, and after twenty hours later, or just evening, the committee met and adopted a method of conducting the inquiry committed to me and my colleagues. A series of charges in order that the hearing of witnesses might be promptly inaugurated and the work continued to us pressed to a speedy conclusion. Because the committee chose to adopt a mode of procedure, as would any similar body clothed with judicial powers, for instance, a court martial or a court of inquiry, we have been subjected to measure of adverse criticism unheard of in the history of legislative action. One newspaper correspondent—a man by the way, who has been summoned to appear before the committee as a witness—uses the following remarkable language: "That another scheme has been developed by the machine leaders, a series of resolutions has been prepared with instructions as to how testimony was to be heard in a bribery investigation. It became a jury in which both the accused and accuser were bound to appear. What an astonishing catalogue of offenses alleged against this committee, namely, that we have agreed to a plan indicating 'how the testimony was to be heard,' formulating a 'certified process' in the taking of testimony and providing that 'both the accused and the accuser' might be heard. "In the following resolution adopted by us last evening we declared as follows: "We recognize that this committee is sitting as a board of judges to impartially hear the testimony of witnesses offered before it. We shall give the fullest latitude to the person or persons who make the accusation in order that the truth be ascertained, and we shall give full and ample notice to the person or persons against whom the charges are made."

As a Judicial Body. Our constitution, sitting as a judicial body, that any one who may be accused shall be given the privilege of appearing and facing his accuser in order that he may make whatever reply he may desire, prudently considering the safe custody of difference between us and our critics. Things have surely come to a remarkable pass in Pennsylvania when any man or body of men accuse the monstrous proposition that any citizen should be denied the right and privilege accorded him by the constitution of having an opportunity to defend himself against an attack upon his personal honor and standing before his fellow men. We denounce such a proposition as subversive of the fundamental principles constituting a Republic. We are proud of the fact that the constitution of our state (article 1, section 9) declares that "the accused hath the right to be heard by him or his counsel, to demand the nature and cause of the accusation against him, to meet the witnesses face to face. "In the following resolution adopted last evening in the form of procedure adopted last evening: "to make a thorough and full inquiry without fear or favor, until the truth be ascertained, and we shall give full and ample notice to every one of them before adjournment. General Koons, of our committee, in behalf of those witnesses, declared stating that they were not ready to proceed. We proposed that a session be held tomorrow and again on Monday for the hearing of these witnesses, but General Koons still demurred, and upon his motion all further proceedings were postponed until Tuesday evening, March 7. "At that time we will be prepared as we were today to hear all witnesses who desire to testify, and any charges affecting the integrity of any member of the house, or any other citizen, will be fairly and impartially investigated. Recognizing the solemn obligations involved in our oath of office, we shall endeavor to so act that the guilty may be punished, the innocent vindicated, and the fair name of the legislature and the commonwealth sustained."

MONTEJO IN PRISON. The Brave Admiral Must Suffer for His Country's Stupidity. Madrid, March 3.—Admiral Montejo, who was in command of the Spanish squadron destroyed by Admiral Dewey in the battle of Manila bay, and the commander of the Cavite arsenal, were this evening incarcerated in the military prison, pending trial for their conduct at Manila. The government has also ordered the prosecution of General Linarez, who was in supreme command of the Spanish forces at Santiago at the time of the capitulation to General Shafter.

Pennsylvania Postmasters. Washington, March 3.—The president today nominated these postmasters for Pennsylvania: Edward W. Miner, Erie; John T. Wrathall, Johnstown; I. W. Tyson, Schuylkill Haven. Also John Tweeddale, of Pennsylvania, to be assistant chief of the records of the pension office with rank of major.

Protest Against Barrows. Washington, March 3.—Five New England senators this afternoon joined in a telegram to the president advising that the nomination of Representative Barrows, librarian of congress, be withdrawn as his not being a trained librarian made his confirmation improbable.

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, March 3.—These Pennsylvania pensions have been issued: Restoration and release—Hiram E. Wordan, Factoryville, Wyoming. \$11,000. Increase—John H. Beyer, Thornburg, Lackawanna. \$6,000. Original widow—Dorothy Gumbel, Paupack, Pike. \$8.

Moravia Wreck. Halifax, N. S., March 3.—The government steamer Aberdeen has arrived here from Sable Island, bringing the crew of the wrecked steamer Moravia, which was lost on the northeast bar of the island last month.

Weather Indications Today: RAIN; EASTERLY WINDS.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- 1 General-Quay Loses Three Votes. Three Thousand Men Out of Employment at Santiago. Lively Times at Harrisburg. Bribery Committee's Chairman Makes a Statement. 2 General—The Greatest Month for Trade, Says Dun. Financial and Commercial. 3 Local—Religious News of the Week. Editorial. How Great Britain Governs Colonies. 4 Local—Social and Personal. One Woman's Views. Musical Question Box. 5 Local—Poor Board Ousts the Snap Officers. Opposition to Deckenbleck License Application. 6 Local—Estimates Committee of Councils Uses the Printing Knife. Features of a Y. M. C. A. Building. South Side Man Assaults His Mother-in-Law. 7 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 8 News Round About Scranton. 9 Story—"Marston, the Deserter." 10 Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow. Chauncey Dewey Analyzes Railway Problems. 11 Thirteenth Regiment Ready for the Muster-Out.

DID NOT DEPEND ON THE BOLTERS

State Chairman Elkin's View of the Situation at Harrisburg—The Situation Unchanged by Vote Yesterday. Harrisburg, March 3.—Republican State Chairman Elkin, who left Harrisburg this afternoon for Pittsburg, made the following statement before his departure: "The loss of three votes today to Senator Quay does not affect the senatorial situation in the slightest degree, and will have no bearing whatever upon the testimony of witnesses offered before it. On a certain day, four weeks ago, the bolters predicted that Senator Quay would lose six votes the following day and daily thereafter until the present time, precisely the same prediction has been made. The defection of Messrs. Hersh, Mackey and Yates today has been fully discounted for some time, indeed, we fully expected them to leave us last month. Now that they have taken the final leap, the atmosphere has become clarified, and we know precisely upon whom we can depend. 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